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PATENT Customer Number 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 2734,442-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,248

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METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING

WATER REMOVAL IN A

PRESS NIP

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Fortuna

Notice of Allowance Dated February 14, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Malch & Ples AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.F

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the

Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly amend the subject application as follows:



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